

510(k) Summary

In accordance with Title 21 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 807, and in particular §807.92, the following summary of information is provided:

A. Submitted by:

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B. Device Name

Trade or Proprietary Name:	<i>NuVasive SpheRx System</i>
Common or Usual Name:	Pedicle Screw System
Classification Name:	Spinal Pedicle Screw Spinal System, Spinal Interlaminar Fixation Orthosis, Spinal Intervertebral Body Fixation orthosis.
Device Class:	Class III
Classification:	§888.3050, §888.3060, §888.3070
Product Code:	KWP, MNI, MNH, KWQ

C. Predicate Devices

The subject *SpheRx System* is substantially equivalent to the *SpheRx System* currently distributed commercially in the U.S. by NuVasive.

D. Device Description

The *NuVasive SpheRx System* consists of a variety of polyaxial screws, fixed angle screws, rods, locking nuts, and transverse connectors. Implant components can be rigidly locked into a variety of different configurations to suit the individual pathology and anatomical conditions of the patient.

E. Intended Use

When used as a pedicle screw fixation system, the NuVasive SpheRx Spinal System is intended to provide immobilization and stabilization of spinal segments in skeletally mature patients as an adjunct to fusion in the treatment of the following acute and chronic instabilities or deformities of the posterior thoracic, lumbar, and sacral spine:

1. Degenerative disc disease (as defined by back pain of discogenic origin with degeneration of the disc confirmed by patient history and radiographic studies)
2. Degenerative spondylolisthesis with objective evidence of neurologic impairment
3. Fracture
4. Dislocation
5. Scoliosis
6. Kyphosis
7. Spinal tumor and/or
8. Failed previous fusion (pseudoarthrosis)

The NuVasive SpheRx Spinal System is also indicated for the treatment of severe spondylolisthesis (Grades 3 and 4) of the L5-S1 vertebral joint in skeletally mature patients receiving fusion by autogenous bone graft, having the device fixed or attached to the lumbar and sacral spine (L3 to sacrum), with removal of the implants after attainment of a solid fusion.

When used as an anterolateral non-pedicle screw system in the thoracic and lumbar spine, the NuVasive SpheRx Spinal System is also intended for the following indications:

1. Degenerative disc disease (as defined by back pain of discogenic origin with degeneration of the disc confirmed by patient history and radiographic studies)
2. Spinal stenosis
3. Spondylolisthesis
4. Spinal deformities
5. Fracture
6. Pseudoarthrosis
7. Tumor resection and/or
8. Failed previous fusion

F. Comparison to Predicate Devices

The subject device has indications for use identical to those of its predicate, and employs the same principles of operation.

G. Summary of Non-Clinical Tests

Mechanical testing was presented.

H. Summary of Clinical Tests

(Not Applicable).



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Nuvasive Incorporated
c/o Ms. Laetitia Cousin
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Re: K060225
Trade Name: Nuvasive SpheRx Spinal System
Regulation Number: CFR §888.3070
Regulation Name: Pedicle Screw Spinal System
Regulatory Class: Class III
Product Code: MNI, MNH, NKB, KWQ
Dated: March 14, 2006
Received: March 15, 2006

Dear Ms. Cousin:

We have reviewed your Section 510(k) premarket notification of intent to market the device referenced above and have determined the device is substantially equivalent (for the indications for use stated in the enclosure) to legally marketed predicate devices marketed in interstate commerce prior to May 28, 1976, the enactment date of the Medical Device Amendments, or to devices that have been reclassified in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (Act) that do not require approval of a premarket approval application (PMA). You may, therefore, market the device, subject to the general controls provisions of the Act. The general controls provisions of the Act include requirements for annual registration, listing of devices, good manufacturing practice, labeling, and prohibitions against misbranding and adulteration.

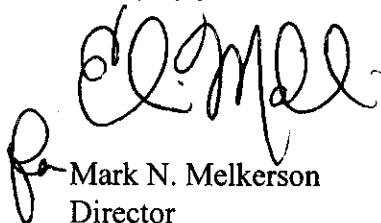
If your device is classified (see above) into either class II (Special Controls) or class III (PMA), it may be subject to such additional controls. Existing major regulations affecting your device can be found in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 21, Parts 800 to 898. In addition, FDA may publish further announcements concerning your device in the Federal Register.

Please be advised that FDA's issuance of a substantial equivalence determination does not mean that FDA has made a determination that your device complies with other requirements of the Act or any Federal statutes and regulations administered by other Federal agencies. You must comply with all the Act's requirements, including, but not limited to: registration and listing (21 CFR Part 807); labeling (21 CFR Part 801); good manufacturing practice requirements as set forth in the quality systems (QS) regulation (21 CFR Part 820); and if applicable, the electronic product radiation control provisions (Sections 531-542 of the Act); 21 CFR 1000-1050.

This letter will allow you to begin marketing your device as described in your Section 510(k) premarket notification. The FDA finding of substantial equivalence of your device to a legally marketed predicate device results in a classification for your device and thus, permits your device to proceed to the market.

If you desire specific advice for your device on our labeling regulation (21 CFR Part 801), please contact the Office of Compliance at (240) 276-0120. Also, please note the regulation entitled, "Misbranding by reference to premarket notification" (21 CFR Part 807.97). You may obtain other general information on your responsibilities under the Act from the Division of Small Manufacturers, International and Consumer Assistance at its toll-free number (800) 638-2041 or (301) 443-6597 or at its Internet address <http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/industry/support/index.html>.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Melkerson", with a stylized initial "M" and a trailing flourish.

Mark N. Melkerson

Director

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Neurological Devices

Office of Device Evaluation

Center for Devices and Radiological Health

Enclosure

Indications for Use

510(k) Number (if known): K060225

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Prescription Use X
(Part 21 CFR 801 Subpart D)

AND/OR

Over-The-Counter Use _____
(21 CFR 801 Subpart C)

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Concurrence of CDRH, Office of Device Evaluation (ODE)



(Division Sign-Off)

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